THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) According to the provisional results of 1991 census, Bihar has lowest literacy rate in the country.

(b) The literacy rate in Bihar is 38.54 per cent while the national average is 52.11 per cent.

(c) Government wishes to selectively tap external funds for "Education for all" projects in the educationally backward States.

(d) and (e) Andhra Pradesh Primary Education Project is under implementation with assistance from Overseas Development Agency (ODA) of United Kingdom. The ODA assistance for the period 1989-94 is of the order of £ 31.1 million. UNICEF pledged US $ 8 million from its general resources and to raise supplementary funds of US $ 100 million for the Bihar Education Project during the period 1991-95.

Effect on imports of curbs imposed by RBI

149. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the overall impact on imports due to the recent curbs recently imposed by the Reserve Bank of India on

(i) the raw material imports;

(ii) industrial production in the country;

(iii) export commitment;

(iv) implementation of new projects; and

(v) Balance of payment crisis;

(b) what are the circumstances that have led to imposition of these curbs on imports; and

(c) whether, in view of the experience gained, Government propose to reconsider the question afresh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) In order to moderate import growth and contain the outflow of foreign exchange reserves, the Reserve of India has in the recent past enhanced the cash margins/deposit requirements on imports other than import of capital goods, made imports of all capital goods possible only through lines of credit available with the financial institutions and imposed a 25 per cent interest surcharge on bank credit for imports. It is too early to assess the impact of these measures on overall imports.

(b) and (c) Restrictions on import financing had been necessitated by a very difficult and deteriorating external payments position and would be reviewed after there is an improvement in the balance of payments situation.

Employees representation in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan

150. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan had in the 54th meeting of its Board of Governments decided in Principle to include employee's representatives on the Sangathan and its Board of Governors;

(b) whether the modalities thereof have been worked out;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether *ad hoc* nominations will be made pending finalisation of modalities?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The suggestions from the various Service Associations of the Sangathan regarding modalities of employees

representations in the Sangathan and its Board of Governors were called for but some of the Associations have not replied.

(e) There is no provision for *ad hoc* nominations of employees' representatives in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and its Board of Governors.

Performance of students of Kendriya Vidyalaya

151. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the performance of Kendriya Vidyalaya students in Delhi and North-Eastern regions in Xth and XIIth standard examinations conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education has been poor;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the details of steps proposed to avoid recurrence thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir. The pass percentage of the students of Kendriya Vidyalayas of Delhi and North Eastern Region is much higher than the overall pass percentage of Central Board of Secondary Education in Class X and XII examinations conducted by CBSE in March-April, 1990-91 as given in the table below:

Class	Pass Percentage in Examination 1991 CBSE		
	Delhi Region	N.E. Region	Overall CBSE
Xth	85.74	85.48	62.80
XIIth	85.50	76.30	68.04

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Panel for the posts of Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas

152. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the panel of candidates for the posts of Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas prepared in 1988-89 has not yet been operated in full;

(b) if so, the reasons for such an inordinate delay; and

(c) whether it is being operated upon now and if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) The panel (of direct recruits) prepared in 1988-89 was to be operated during 1989-90 onwards. The panel is prepared with 50 per cent more names than actual vacancies and is put into effect in the subsequent academic sessions after promotional postings and transfers are effected. As the selected candidates have not fully been covered, the panel is still being operated.

Non-availability of foreign exchange to meet the contractual obligations of various Public Sector Undertakings

153. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appearing in Indian Express of the 1st July 1991 and state the names of the Public Undertakings which are having foreign exchange crunch to meet their contractual obligations,

(b) what are the details of items and the quantity proposed to be imported by these Public Undertakings; and